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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICEBriefing of START Delegation

At the request of INR [ ] of the FBIS Analysis Group will brief the U.S. delegation to START on the Soviet public position on START negotiating issues. Ambassador Rowney, chief of the U.S. delegation, asked the State Department to arrange the briefing. The delegation is in Washington for consultations between the negotiating sessions. [ ] who heads FBIS' Strategic Issues Branch, and [ ] FBIS analyst on U.S.-Soviet relations, have provided media analysis support for the delegation, normally through the Agency's Arms Control Intelligence Staff. [ ]

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USIA Inquiry

The Office of Research, USIA, has indicated to FBIS that Charles Wick, USIA Director, has requested a "comprehensive paper" on FBIS by 1 October. James McGregor of O/Research/USIA is preparing the paper and is in touch with FBIS. We will offer to follow up McGregor's report with a briefing of Mr. Wick by the D/FBIS. [ ]

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Israeli Broadcast

FBIS monitoring in support of U.S. policymakers concerning the Lebanese situation included an important item bearing on the massacre of Palestinian refugees. On 17 September Tel Aviv's Israeli Defense Forces radio, broadcasting in Hebrew and monitored by the FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau, reported that the IDF had "entrusted to the Christian Falanges" the "purging" of the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. The item, carried on the FBIS Wire Service, created considerable interest in Europe when used by the BBC and disseminated by their monitoring service to the press in London. [ ]

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Foreign National Orientation

Each year FBIS brings a selected few foreign nationals from its field bureaus to Headquarters for orientation. This is part of the systematic development program FBIS has for its approximately 400 foreign national employees, on whom it depends extensively for field bureau operations. This year three monitors--from Seoul, Tel Aviv, and Panama--an electronic technician from Amman, and an associate editor from London spent 5 days at FBIS Headquarters. They were given briefings

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by FBIS managers on the mission and activities of FBIS, and in turn provided FBIS officers with first-hand impressions regarding their areas of field activities. During the past 8 years 23 foreign employees have been similarly oriented in Washington. ☐

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Singapore Analysts

Three FBIS analysts briefed a dozen Singapore intelligence analysts on media collection and analysis as part of the Analytical Methodologies Course conducted 20 September - 1 October by DDI contractors. ☐

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